

## **Division of Watershed Management**

### **Public Notice of the Availability of Water Quality Management Planning and Smart Growth Implementation Grants and Request for Proposals (RfP)**

**Take notice** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 et seq., the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) hereby announces the availability of following grant program funds:

**A. Name of Program:**

Water Quality Management Planning and Smart Growth Implementation Grants

**B. Purpose:**

Section 604(b) of the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, generally requires that 40 percent or more of the State's funds awarded under Section 604(b) be allocated to organizations other than the Department for Water Quality Management Planning activities. It is the purpose of the Water Quality Management Planning and Smart Growth Implementation Grants to satisfy that requirement.

**C. Project Subject:**

The Division of Watershed Management (DWM) is seeking proposals for Water Quality Management Planning and Smart Growth Implementation that focus on capacity analyses for existing potable water supply and wastewater infrastructure that evaluate the ability to provide adequate service for existing and new development in designated growth areas identified in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan, i.e. Planning Areas 1 and 2 and designated centers. Infrastructure includes but is not limited to collection, conveyance, distribution and treatment systems necessary to provide adequate potable supplies and wastewater treatment for the maximum population that can be supported by the designated growth areas. The results of the capacity analyses will be used by the Department to inform water quality management planning and permitting decisions made pursuant to the Statewide Water Quality Management Planning rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15) and the Water Supply Allocation Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:19--1.1 et seq.).

**D. Amount of Money in the Program:**

A total of **\$218,683** will be available for State Fiscal Year 2004 for project subjects as defined above that meet the SFY2004 Section 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning and Smart Growth Implementation Grants guidance document.

**E. Entities That May Apply For Funding Under This Program:**

Entities such as Regional Public Comprehensive Planning Organizations or interstate organizations created for the purpose of carrying out water quality management planning and implementation activities are encouraged to apply for these grant funds. Other entities that may be eligible for funding include but are not limited to:

1. Municipal planning boards or departments;
2. County planning boards or departments;
3. Designated water quality management planning agencies;
4. Duly authorized wastewater management planning entities (pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15);
5. State and regional entities located entirely within New Jersey;
6. State government agencies, universities and colleges;
7. Federal government agencies;
8. Interstate agencies of which New Jersey is a member;
9. Intrastate regional entities;
10. County and Municipal Sewerage Agencies and Utilities Authorities
11. Public water supply purveyors;
12. Recognized Watershed Management Groups pursuant to NJAC 7:15-9;
13. Watershed and water resource associations and other local nonprofit organizations recognized by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**F. Qualifications Needed By An Applicant To Be Considered Eligible For Funding:**

Entities must:

1. Demonstrate that they possess staff and resources with the capability, expertise, and environmental experience necessary to perform the proposed work;
2. Demonstrate that they have the ability, authority and access to data and information needed to implement the proposed project.

**G. Procedure For Eligible Entities To Apply For Grant Funds:**

All proposals for grant funds pursuant to this RfP shall be submitted to the Department in accordance with this RfP and shall be postmarked no later than **Friday, April 30, 2004**. Applicants shall submit a project proposal including a scope of work and budget for the proposed project. The proposal must follow the Request for Proposal (RfP) guidelines, which are available from the DWM's Bureau of Evaluation and Management and on the DWM website [www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmgt](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmgt). Selection of proposal for award of grant funds will be made by Tuesday, June 1, 2004. Award recipients will be notified in writing along with additional information on how to proceed with execution of the grant agreement.

**Please note:** The Department will not send faxes of this package nor will it accept proposals submitted by fax or email.

**H. Address for Proposal Submittal and Inquiries:**

All proposals for grant funds pursuant to this RfP shall be postmarked no later than Friday, April 30, 2004 and shall be submitted in triplicate by the eligible entity to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Watershed Management  
Bureau of Evaluation and Management  
401 East State Street, P.O. Box 418  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0418  
Attention: 604(b) Grant Program

Copies of the RfP guidelines may be requested by contacting the Bureau of Evaluation and Management during regular business hours at (609) 633-1799. Other inquiries regarding this

grant program should also be directed to this number. The RfP may also be downloaded from the DWM web page at [www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmgt](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmgt). The RfP guidance contains details on the required format and content for the proposals.

**I. Deadline by which proposals shall be submitted:**

Complete proposals shall be submitted by Friday, April 30, 2004.

**J. Date by which applicants shall be notified of approval or disapproval:**

Applicants shall receive notice of approval or disapproval of their proposals for SFY '04 Section 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning and Smart Growth Implementation Grants by Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

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